the bid money in Indian rupee of bank guarantee in lieu of foreign bid bonds; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to accept bid money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The normal commercial practice followed by MMTC and STC for import of urea and other fertilizers is to accept bid bonds in US dollars only for the following reasons:

(i) To ensure better commitment from the foreign suppliers for delivery of contracted material;

(ii) Risk for sale thus rests with the foreign suppliers; and

(iii) in case of default, bid bond is realised in foreign currency.

Complaints against Employment of Super Bazar

710. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government against Deputy General Manager, Asstt. Manager, control room and other employees of Super Bazar relating to misbehaviour with MPs on telephone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted against these complaints;

(d) if so, the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Import/Export of Sugar during 1994-95

711. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Sugar imported during the period 1994-95; and

(b) the total quantity of sugar exported during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The total quantity (in tons) of Sugar imported and exported during 1994-95 is as under:—

Year	Import	Export
1994-95	1780779	40,883

(SOURCE: DGCI&S Calcutta).

New Pension Scheme for Private Sector Employees

712. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the new pension scheme introduced by Government benefiting the private sector employees; and

(b) what would be the outlay for additional disbursements by the Central Government under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Employees' Pension Scheme for the EPF subscribers has been notified for implementation w.e.f. 16.11.95. The Scheme, *inter-alia*, provides for payment of monthly pension in the contingencies of superannuation, retirement, death, permanent total disablement etc. Minimum 10 years contributory service is necessary for being eligible to pension. Normal superannuation pension on completion of 33 years contributory

service will be equivalent to 50% of the average pensionable salary of the last 12 months. The minimum amount of the family pension is Rs. 450/- P.M. and the maximum may go upto Rs. 2500/- P.M. In addition, there is also a provision for payment of pension to two children subject to the minimum of Rs. 115/- P.M. per child.

(b) The contribution of the Central Government towards the Scheme has been fixed @ 1.16% of the wage of the subscriber.

सुपर बाजार में सेवा नियमों का उल्लंघन

713. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कुछ अधिकारी सरकारी नियमों और विनियमों का उल्लंघन करते हुए सुपर बाजार के बिक्री विभाग में पांच वर्ष से अधिक समय से विभिन्न पदों पर कार्यरत हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या कुछ बिक्री सहायकों ने प्रबंधन समिति के इस पक्षपातपूर्ण रवैए पर अपनी आपत्ति जताई है;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ कर्मचारी/बिक्री सहायक 3 से 4 वर्ष के भीतर ही पदोन्नत हो गए जबकि अन्य को अपनी पदोन्नति के लिए 7 से 17 वर्षों तक से भी अधिक समय तक इंतजार करना पड़ रहा है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे भेदभावपूर्ण व्यवहार को समाप्त करने के लिए क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली विभाग) (श्री विनोद शर्मा): (क) जी, नहीं

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) सुपर बाजार द्वारा यह सूचित किया गया है कि उन्हें इस संबंध में कोई आपत्ति प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(घ) जी, नहीं। सुपर बाजार द्वारा यह सूचित किया गया है कि रिक्तियों और आवश्यकताओं के आधार पर बिक्री-सहायकों की समय-समय पर पदोन्नति की जाती है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Request for additional allocation of Rice and Kerosene by Tamil Nadu

714. DR. D. MASTAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu have asked for additional allocation of rice and kerosene for distribution in tribal and hilly regions of the State;

(b) if so, whether the request has been acceded to; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. There has been no such specific request from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) The Government of Tamil Nadu had requested for increase in the allocation of rice for the Public Distribution System (PDS) to 1.60 lakh tonnes per month from 1.25 lakh tonnes per month, due to shortfall in paddy cultivation in the Cauvery Delta Area. Central Government has increased the monthly allocation of rice to Tamil Nadu to 1.40 lakh tonnes per month, on an ad hoc basis, for a period of four months from November, 1995.

Government of Tamil Nadu have also sought an ad hoc allocation of 10000 kilo litres of kerosene for the PDS, over and above their normal allocation on account of floods and heavy rains in some parts of the State. The matter is under consideration of the Central Government.